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Celebrating 21 Years of Dedicated Service - Detective Scott Feagan



Detective Scott Feagan

On April 24th, Scott Feagan retired after 21 years of service to the community through the Coconino County Sheriff's Office. His most recent position with the Sheriff's Office was that of Detective. During his eight years as a Detective, Scott has received many commendations for his outstanding work.

He began his law enforcement career in 1988 as a Detention Officer. He soon tested and transferred to the patrol side of our organization as a Sheriff's Deputy.

Throughout his nine years as a Deputy, Scott was nominated for numerous awards, including the Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year, Jaycee Outstanding Young Citizen, and the American Legion Officer of the Year award. He also served as the first Deputy on the newly formed GIITEM (Gang & Immigration Intelligence Team) unit.

He was promoted to Corporal in the patrol division in 1998 and served in this position for three years. In 2001 he was promoted to Detective.

For fifteen years of his career, in addition to his daily duties, he was a Defensive Tactics and Impact Weapons Instructor for the Sheriff's Office.

He takes safety more than seriously, he lives it. In addition to his normal career, Scott teaches youth and community members martial arts and environmental awareness, as well as defensive tactics for women. He conducted classes to the Forest Service, Adult Probation, Flagstaff Police Department, and NAU employees.

He left us with words of wisdom when he asked that we all give back to our community. This is what makes him happy and we all need to do our part.

We all know that what ever Scott's new beginning is, it will be unselfishly helping others. We wish him good luck and are grateful to have had him as part of our team.



Sheriff Bill Pribil presents a memory box to Detective Scott Feagan

Sheriff's Office Supports Special Olympics

Each year the Coconino County Sheriff's Office supports the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of Arizona raising funds and awareness for Arizona's 9,100.00 Special Olympic Athletes.

This year, more than 25 Coconino County Sheriff's Office Employees and Family members ran, walked or cycled three "torch run routes" in Coconino County proudly carrying the Flame of Hope and passing the Flame to sister agencies as they also support Special Olympics.

The first torch run route began in Page Arizona on Saturday April 25, 2009 where Page Sheriff's Office Employees teamed up with the City of Page Police Department to kick off the week's events carrying the Flame of Hope from Page Arizona down US 89 to Cedar Ridge passing to the Navajo Nation so that the flame could continue it's journey.



The Flame of Hope was returned to the Coconino County Sheriff's Office by the National Park Service on Tuesday April 28, 2009. Sheriff's Office employees and family from both our Williams and Flagstaff Districts facilitated the Flames continued journey along Interstate 40 to the Bellemont rest area then passing to the Flagstaff Police Department.



Arizona Department of Public Safety returned the Flame of Hope to the Coconino County Sheriff's Office on April 29, 2009 for its final journey in Coconino County. Again, dedicated members of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and their families kept the Flame of Hope alive by carrying it down Schnebly Hill and passing it on to the Sedona Police Department.



The Flame of Hope continued its journey to the Opening Ceremony of the Arizona Summer Olympic Games on May 1, 2009 where it was passed to an athlete who used it to light the "Flame of Hope" that burned throughout the Olympic Games.

The Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run is Special Olympics largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. Funds are raised through the sale of t-shirts throughout the Sheriff's Office and 50% of each shirt sale goes to Special Olympics. Participants also collect pledges for the event. To date this year, the Sheriff's Office has raised approximately \$1700.00. Thanks to the efforts of the men, women and families of Law Enforcement, the Flame of Hope burns on.

Employee Growth and Development-Detective Promotions

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the promotion of Dustin Maggard and Michael Curtis to Detectives in the Criminal Division.



Dustin began his career with the Sheriff's Office as a Detention officer in 1998. In 2004, Dustin successfully tested for and became a Deputy. Dustin later transferred to our GIITEM (Gang & Immigration Intelligence Team) unit, where he served for two years. He brings a depth of training and experience with him to his new position.

Detective Dustin Maggard

Michael began his career as a Deputy in January of 2006. For over three years he served in Patrol gaining the skills and knowledge of an outstanding Patrol Officer. His attention to detail is highly regarded and will be a great asset in his new position.



Detective Michael Curtis

Typical duties of Detectives include conducting detailed investigations of major crimes, supervising, managing, and processing crime scenes including collection of physical evidence, interviewing and interrogating witnesses and preparing detailed reports, assisting attorneys in the prosecution of major crimes, testifying before Grand Juries, in evidentiary hearings and trials, providing training to Patrol Deputies as requested, attending autopsies, conducting employee background investigations, conducting Internal Affairs investigations, assisting other law enforcement agencies with complex criminal investigations, processing and handling blood and other bio-hazardous materials.

Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year – Officer Ben Vasquez



Officer Ben Vasquez

Officer Vasquez is assigned to the state gang task force unit as a Detention Liaison Officer (DLO). This program was designed to gather intelligence from incarcerated individuals in local jails and prisons.

Ben has received hundreds of hours of training through this program in regards to gang activity and gang member identification. He brings that training back to our department by using his skills in conjunction with providing pertinent information to ensure a safe and secure environment to staff and inmates. Additionally, Ben serves as a trainer for other DLO's throughout the state.

Ben has produced the most gang member identifications and interviews of any DLO in the state. Some of these interviews with gang members have produced valuable intelligence leading to arrests and prosecution of cases when shared with partnering law enforcement agencies.

Officer Vasquez is commended for the excellent service he provides to Coconino County and our partnering local and state agencies. He has shown exemplary dedication, leadership, motivation, initiative and commitment to his assignment. The passion he exhibits shows in the daily interaction he has with staff, inmates and other agency personnel.

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Service to Community

We are committed to providing responsive and effective Service to the Community. We earn and maintain the public's trust and confidence through our integrity and professionalism. Toward these goals, we devote our personnel, resources and energy.

Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year – Detective Bruce Cornish



Detective Bruce Cornish

After 23 years of Service to Community, Detective Bruce Cornish recently retired from the Sheriff's Office. Bruce's most recent assignment was in the Criminal Investigations Division where he served from 1994 until his retirement.

Bruce was instrumental in developing the Sheriff's Office Computer Forensics Unit. He acquired over \$20,000 of grants toward equipment and training for the program. His computer forensics investigations typically included burglaries, child pornography, and fraudulent schemes (such as identity theft and credit card fraud).

One case investigated and solved involved an eBay fraud in excess of \$100,000.

He also assisted other law enforcement agencies in Northern Arizona including the Northern Arizona University Police Department, Williams Police Department, Department of Public Safety, National Park Service and the Apache County Attorney's Office in computer forensics investigations.

Bruce continually shared his knowledge with staff during Detention Academies and with the public at Citizen Academies. He made numerous presentations on Crime Scene Investigations, Ethics and Internal Affairs. Bruce has a great gift for working with people, an excellent sense of humor, and good spirits. He has always set standards of excellence.

This award is a great honor and tribute to the dedication and outstanding contribution of Detective Cornish to this agency and the community.